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I liked the way Touko looked when she was jumping.
I think I can jump any height
as long as you're watching me, Yuki
You can —
Don't worry, Yuki.

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## Runner's High

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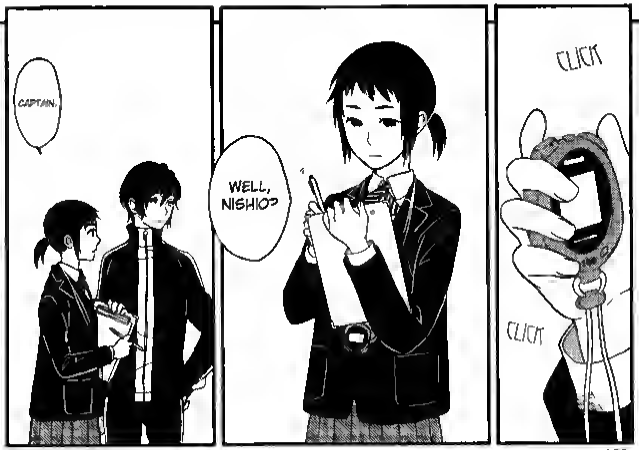
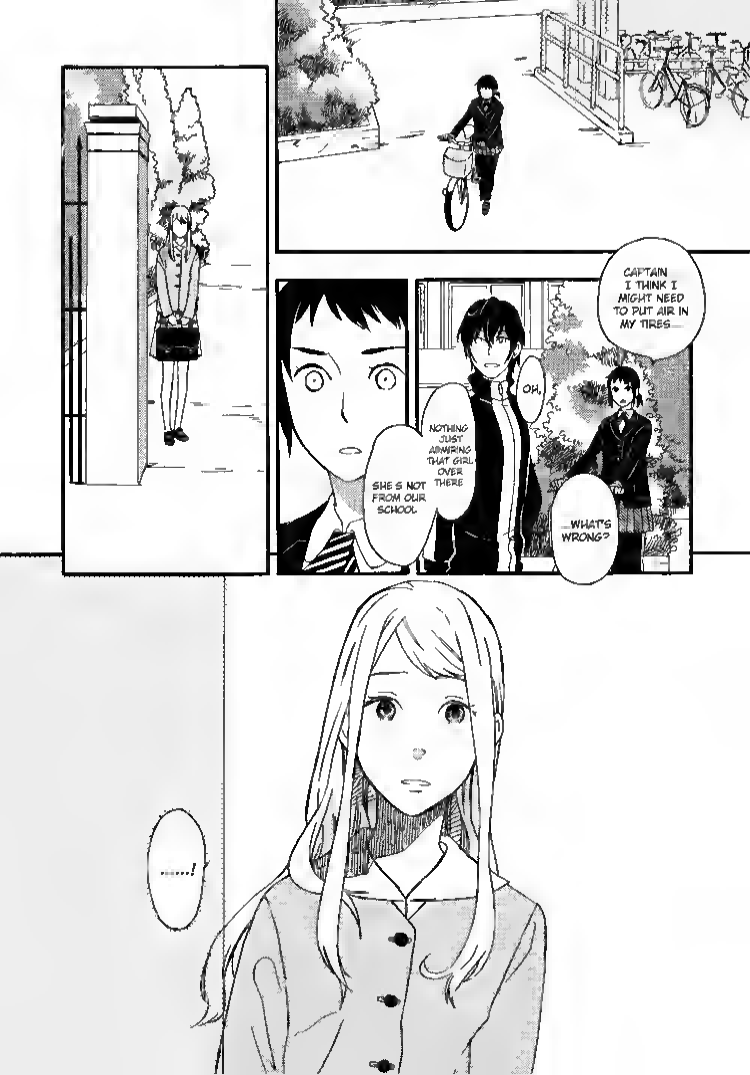
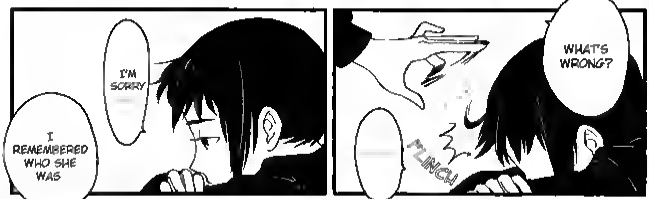


YOU REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN IN ANY CLUBS, NISHIO?
NOT IN JUNIOR HIGH, EITHER? NO SPORTS?
CLICK
THAT'S CORRECT.
YANAGI-SAN HAS A GOOD PACE.
SHE'S SHAPED UP WELL.
MM-HMM...
CHIBA-SAN'S FALLING A BIT BEHIND ON HER LAPS
WELL, SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN REALLY INCONSISTENT.
I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL PSYCHOLOGICAL NOW
HERE, FOR EXAMPLE.
OH, TOO BAD.
SMACK
YOU'RE WELL-DEVELOPED.
HEY ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
AHAHA.
GUESS I'LL GO FOR A RUN OUTSIDE SCHOOL GROUNDS TODAY.
This is sexual harassment!!
COME WITH ME, NISHIO.
UHHH A BREAK...


CAPTAIN I THINK I MIGHT NEED TO PUT AIR IN MY TIRES...
OH,
...WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING JUST ADMIRING THAT GIRL OVER THERE
SHE'S NOT FROM OUR SCHOOL
.....!

HUH?
WHY?
START ON OUR USUAL COURSE
I'LL CATCH UP LATER.
PUSH
H-HEY!
HM. ?
I THINK I'VE SEEN HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE
I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN,
BUT WOULD YOU START WITHOUT ME?
SO SHE KNOWS HER?
TMP
TMP
.....

WHOA, THERE
I HAD A FEELING YOU WEREN'T FOLLOWING ME


I'M SORRY
I REMEMBERED WHO SHE WAS
WHAT'S WRONG?
PINCH

I HEARD SHE HURT HER KNEE. I HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND SINCE.
OH, YEAH
SHE'S AZUMI TOUKO, THE HIGH-JUMPER
SHE WON NATIONALS BACK IN JUNIOR HIGH
SHE WAS AMAZING. SHE BLEW EVERYONE ELSE OUT OF THE WATER

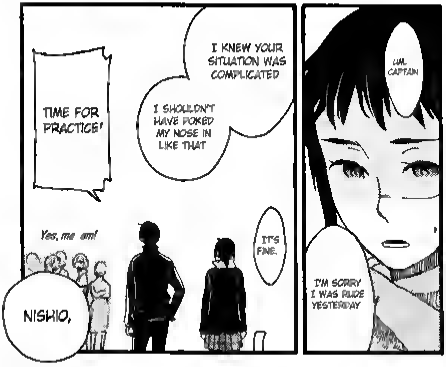
SO, YOU KNOW HER, NISHIO?
SHE FELL DOWN SOME STAIRS— OR MAYBE SHE WAS PUSHED...
I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS
IT WAS ME
I WAS THE ONE
HUH?
WHO PUSHED HER.
NISHIO?!
DASH
HEY...!
GRIP
PLEASE EXCUSE ME...
I'M LEAVING

I TRIED TO CALL AND TELL YOU, BUT IT WOULDN'T CONNECT
I GOT A NEW PHONE
OH...
HUH?
I'M...
LEAVING AT 7 A.M. TOMORROW MORNING
BUT I... REALLY WANT TO TALK TO YOU BEFORE I GO
OH...
WE HAVE NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT, WASN'T IT?
YOU LOST... YOUR TRACK SCHOLARSHIP
DIDN'T YOU?
AND IT'S
MY FAULT... ISN'T IT...?
NO, NO, YUKI, LISTEN TO ME...
JUST GO

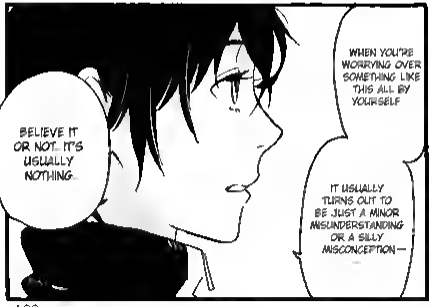
YUKI...
GET OUT OF HERE!!
I—
don't know much of anything about track
but I like it when you do the running high jump, Azumi-san.
THANKS.
...OH.
IT'S PRETTY.
JOIN THE TRACK TEAM, THEN?
WANT TO
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.
NOPE.
YOU'RE REALLY NOT ON ANY TEAMS?
YOU'RE SUCH A FAST RUNNER, NISHIO

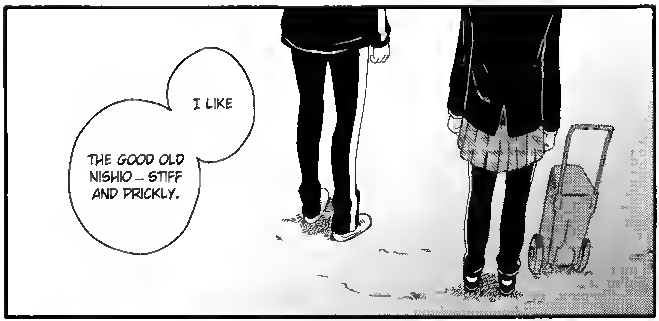
RUNNING
IS FUN, THOUGH.
WOW YUKI
I COULD NEVER BEAT YOU AT SPRINTS OR MIDDLE DISTANCES NOW
HUH...? NO, I'M AWFUL.
I CAN'T GET MY TIME DOWN AT ALL.
YEAH...

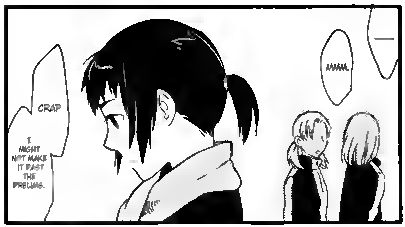
NISHIO!!
—SHIO.
—NISHI-CHAN.
OH.
I'M SORRY
EARTH TO NISHICHAN!


I KNEW YOUR SITUATION WAS COMPLICATED
I SHOULDN'T HAVE POKED MY NOSE IN LIKE THAT
TIME FOR PRACTICE!
Yes, ma am!
IT'S FINE.
NISHIO,


UM, CAPTAIN
I'M SORRY I WAS RUDE YESTERDAY

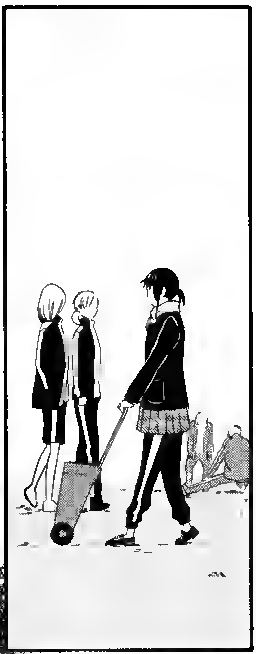

WHEN YOU'RE WORRYING OVER SOMETHING LIKE THIS ALL BY YOURSELF
IT USUALLY TURNS OUT TO BE JUST A MINOR MISUNDERSTANDING OR A SILLY MISCONCEPTION—
BELIEVE IT OR NOT. IT'S USUALLY NOTHING.

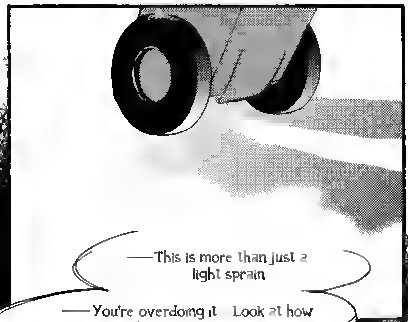



I made it past the prelims and everything ——

And this is... my last chance to do this in junior high ——

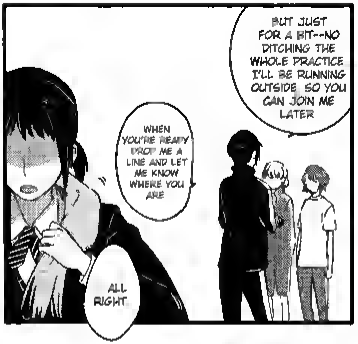




...YOU HAVE IT SO GOOD.
YOU BREEZED THROUGH THE PRELIMS. YOU'RE EVEN GETTING A SCHOLARSHIP!
.....
YOU KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO TWIST YOUR ANKLE IF YOU KEEP THIS UP...
YOU NEED TO REST IT. LET IT HEAL...
WELL...
IT HAS TO BE NOW, OR THERE'S NO POINT IN DOING IT AT ALL.
IT HAS TO BE NOW...
I HAVE TO DO IT WITH YOU...
.....
NO, YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA
HOW I FEEL!!
WHIP
GLARE
SMACK
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT... PLEASE, YUKI.....
JUST TAKE IT EASY.

TOUKO!!

I cut it off myself... and pretended not to notice
My path has stopped I'm going nowhere
MAN-AGER, YOU'RE OUT OF CHALK
HUH —?
I... haven't moved forward at all since that incident.
— CAP-TAIN.
EXCUSE ME
BUT MAY I STEP OUT FOR A BIT?

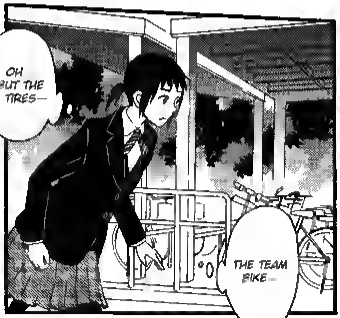

BUT JUST FOR A BIT--NO DITCHING THE WHOLE PRACTICE. I'LL BE RUNNING OUTSIDE SO YOU CAN JOIN ME LATER
WHEN YOU'RE READY DROP ME A LINE AND LET ME KNOW WHERE YOU ARE
ALL RIGHT

...ALL RIGHT.

Hold on to this for me!!
Huh?

GLANCE

SCREECH


OH BUT THE TIRES—
THE TEAM BIKE—

Help...
I need... to go call for help.
DASH
What do I do...?
What do I do, Touko...?
...Don't worry
You can
run anytime,
anywhere,
Yuki...

MY UNIFORM
IS GETTING IN THE WAY.
MY EARS ARE NUMB
NH!!
SMACK
THIS IS STUPID
I DON'T EVEN LIKE LOAFERS.

pant
pant
pant
Ah
running
really
is fun

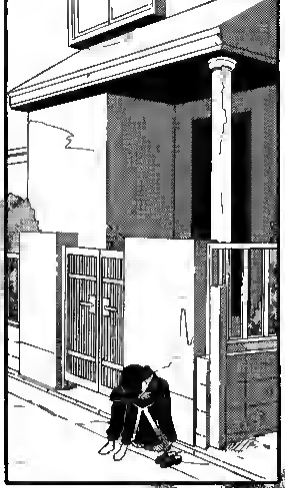
TOUKO!!
pant
pant
pant
YUKI?!
YOU ALL RIGHT?
pant.!
WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR SHOES...?
TOUKO.
I..
WHY?
pant
I..
OWE YOU AN APOLOGY
YOU'VE DONE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR.

TOUKO
I DO THINK IT'S A SHAME
THAT YOU QUIT THE TRACK TEAM, THOUGH……
……!
YOUR RIVAL—?
YOU WERE MY RIVAL. WHEN YOU LEFT, IT GOT BORING.
I—I HAVEN'T QUIT TRACK.
YOU KNOW,
MY FATHER KNOWS A DOCTOR WHO'S AN EXPERT IN SPORTS MEDICINE
THAT'S WHERE I'M GOING—TO HAVE HIM FIX MY KNEE
I'LL BE
COMING BACK HERE AGAIN.

WHEN I DO, WILL YOU
COME WATCH ME JUMP?
YOU KNOW. I WILL
HEY,
TAKE A LOOK AT MY GOOD-LUCK CHARM.
GOOD.
JUMPING WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING
I LOVED JUST AS MUCH
WATCHING YOU RUN.

I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU BEFORE I LEFT.
I'LL WRITE YOU.
OKAY
I LOVE YOU.
YEAH

WHOA, THERE
DON'T JUST SIT IN THE STREET
Someone will report you to the police

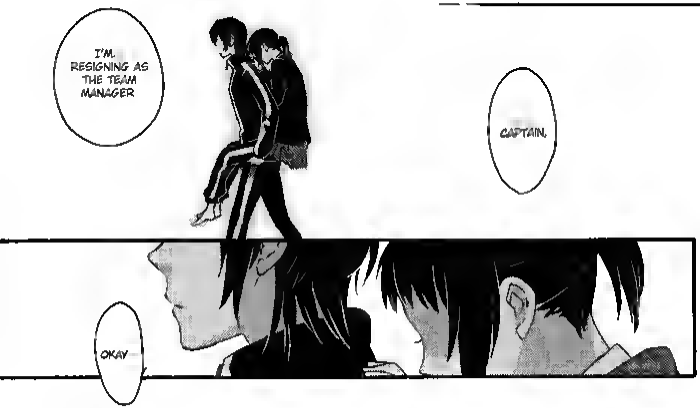


GEEZ,

GOT IT ALL OFF YOUR CHEST?
YES

WHAT A FACE.
sniff

HEY...!
THIS IS EMBARRASSING, CAPTAIN...!!
WELL,
BEAT UP
YOU CAN'T EXACTLY WALK BACK, CAN YOU?
URK?
TUG
grin
GLAD TO HEAR IT.


I'M RESIGNING AS THE TEAM MANAGER
CAPTAIN.
OKAY

So please watch me

If you're watching me, I...

can run anywhere.

END

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